

(Greek)

Your Grace,

We, the family, appreciate you making this Memorial Service possible. We really appreciate it and are honoured.

PHILIP GEORGIU

**BORN ON 12 NOVEMBER 1929
IN THE VILLAGE OF 'PERISTERONA',
PATHOS, CYPRUS**

**PASSED AWAY ON 14 AUGUST 2003
IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA**

(Also Greek) Under circumstances, which in most cases, can not be pre-determined by oneself, Late Philip found himself, like many Hellenes, immigrating to South Africa at the age of 18. He settled and worked in Germiston for a number of years.

Fifty Six years of his life he spent in South Africa – his adopted country, yet he continued to love his Motherland, Cyprus and made many trips to his village, his “patriko” and his beloved brother, sisters, nieces and nephews. He never disassociated himself from or forgot Cyprus.

In the latter years, circumstances again changed and altered Philip's pattern of life, when his children immigrated to Australia. This obliged him to include Australia in his travels and the Will of Our Lord had it that he pass away in Perth on 14th of last month.

(Also Greek) He was however, buried in his village, next to his mother and father – his final wish.

In 1955, he married Marina Moutsatsos and together led a very happy married life and were blessed with two sons, George, Vasili, then two daughters-in-law Marina and Athena and six lovely grandchildren. Like all grandparents, the apple of their eyes.

Your Grace, we the relatives and friends are gathered here to-day at the 40-Day Memorial Service of Philip Georgiou. A very important Religious Ceremony of our Greek Orthodox Faith. We were not afforded the opportunity, or it was difficult for most to attend the funeral in Cyprus. Hence, we look at to-day where most of his loved ones are gathered – at this Memorial Service – to pray and say our farewell.

Philip, at all times, was a philanthropist, humanitarian and community man. He always concerned himself with the well-being of others who were in need. He assisted people with regard to paying for health care or financing personal or business needs.

(Also Greek) A man whose left hand never knew what the right hand was doing. One only found out from those he actually assisted as to what the extent of his kind deeds were.

Philip was Treasurer and Vice-Chairman of the Hellenic Community of Alberton, for close to 20 years. He played a very significant role in promoting the Community and bringing it to the healthy state that it is known for.

We find ourselves at the Church of which he was the Chairman of the Church Committee when the Church was built in 1972. His Committee's mandate was to have the Church furnished. His Hellenism, his Greek Orthodox Religion, constituted a pillar in his lifestyle. He was a proud Hellene and great follower of his Faith. Up the last, he left with prayers on his lips.

(Also Greek) The “Temblo” of this Church was his donation. The solitude and beauty of craftsmanship, depicts Philip in every manner. His financial contribution to organised Hellenism and Greek Orthodoxy, was an ongoing way of life.

His love for his town Alberton, his Community, his wonderful family, friends and naturally his village “Peristerona” and Cyprus, formed an integral part of his life and character. This love could not be equalled.

His concern for the well-being of Cyprus was almost always uppermost in his thoughts and we saw how he assisted and led various Committees organised to provide assistance at the time of the Cyprus Invasion in 1974 and during the turmoil of Cyprus under British rule in prior years.

He was appointed Honorary Life Vice-Chairman of our Community, in recognition for all that he had contributed both in kind and effort to our Community.

(Also Greek) We honour and remember a wonderful man – a true and honourable gentleman.

A man, who because of his virtues, was blessed with a wonderful wife in Marina, who stood by him throughout both easy and difficult times.

Difficult times were not only those encountered in everyday life, but the way she supported him during his crises in health. He had two major heart operations and during the course of the last 12 months, a very major stomach operation. She was inseparable from Philip’s life and activities. She was a wonderful pillar of strength at all times and in all circumstances.

We pray Marina, that you enjoy good health, so that you can be with your children and grandchildren, which undoubtedly is the prayer and wish of Philip..

(Also Greek) We thank The Lord that we were able to have in our midst, a man who practised humility – a perfect humanitarian and gentleman. Always a smile and a kind word not only for those with whom he had to be associated with, but with all who crossed his path.

We pray that his memory remains with us forever and that we will continue to benefit from his efforts and donations and retain our Greek Orthodox and Hellenistic roots, which was his desire.

We pray to Our Lord to Rest His Soul in Peace and may his memory be forever with us.

P STATHOULIS

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Your Grace,

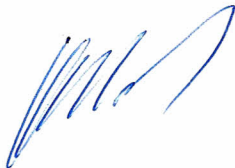
FORTY-DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE –
LATE PHYLAKTIS GEORGIU, ALBERTON

As requested, please find enclosed, the Obituary regarding the Deceased, which was delivered by me on the occasion of the Forty-Day Memorial Service on Sunday, 21 September 2003.

May the opportunity be taken on behalf of the family, to thank you for making it possible to have had this Memorial Service. We also thank you for the very kind words that were said by Your Grace.

Thanking you,

I remain Your Obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Stathoulis', written in a cursive style.

P. STATHOULIS

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